The prices fetched by the Coffee Board during the current year as compared to prices fetched in the auctions in the last two years are as under :—

Grades	1991-92	1992-93	1993-94 (up to Nov. '94) Rate per tonne—In Rs.
Plant A	33,823.00	42,384.00	1,00,343.00
Ar. Chy. AB . . .	29,938.00	38,270.00	91,442.00
Rob. Chy. AB . .	26,228.00	32,054.00	81,314.00

Import of Hops

1801. SHRI SUSHIL BARONGPA : Will the Minister of COMMERCE be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that Hops are imported in different forms viz liquid (concentrated), pellets and cones (dried flowers) ; and

(b) if so, how much Hops, both in quantity and value-wise are being imported in the current year in order to meet the evergrowing demand of Indian Breweries?

THE MINISTER OF COMMERCE (SHRI PRANAB MUKHERJEE) : (a) Yes, Sir, Hops' in any form is freely importable item under the current Export Import Policy 1992—97.

(b) As per the provisional figures furnished by the Director General Commercial Intelligence & Stastics, Calcutta quantities and value of Hops imported during current year i.e. 1994-95 are as follows (up to June, 1994) :—

	Qty. (Tons)	Value (Rs. lakhs)
1. Hop cones, fresh/dried neither ground nor powdered nor in the form of pellets.	11	24.97
2. Hop cones, fresh/dried, ground, powdered or in the form or pellets; lupulin.	35	61.98
3. Saps and extracts of Hops.	12	32.34

End use-wise data, however, is not available.

Trade Relations with Romania

1802. SHRI RAHASBIHARI BARIK : Will the Minister of COMMERCE be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government have established trade relations with Romania ;

(b) if so, the areas in which Indo-Romanian trade has been established ;

(c) whether Government have a proposal to expand trade relations with that country ; and

(d) if so, the new areas identified therefor ?

THE MINISTER OF COMMERCE (SHRI PRANAB MUKHERJEE) : (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Our major items of export to Romania have included iron ore, cotton, oil meals, spices, cashew & leather. Our major items of import have included fertilisers, artificial resins, newsprint, machinery, transport equipment and project goods.

(c) Yes, Sir.

(d) In order to expand trade relations both sides have identified a promising scope for co-operation inter-alia in tourism, computer hardware & software, drugs & pharmaceuticals, petrochemicals and metallurgy.

Trade Cap between India and Nepal

1803. SHRI BHAGABAN MAJHI : Will the Minister of COMMERCE be pleased to state :